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For: NEW STARCH-BASED COMPOSITION  
AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.